

Sent: 12 November 2019 09:25

Subject: FOI-19-1392 - Drugs in Schools

Thank you for your information request of 15 October 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

Could I please request the following information.

- 1) How many school children in your ward have been disciplined, suspended or expelled from schools due to drug misuse since 2015? Please break down your answer by year and, if it doesn't breach privacy issues, the general area.**

Validated data which is published by the Scottish Government in this area is the most robust form of data and under FOI guidance to advise and assist the applicant we advise that they look at the Scottish Government's webpage on temporary school exclusions by using the link below to view the number of exclusions for substance misuse in Aberdeen City schools which provides a breakdown of non-alcohol substance misuse exclusions.

<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/exclusiondatasets>

As **how many school children in your ward have been disciplined, suspended or expelled from schools due to drug misuse since 2015** is otherwise accessible on the website provided, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with our obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, we hereby give notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

- 2) What was the youngest age of a child suspended due to drug misuse?**

The youngest pupil who was suspended due to substance misuse (not alcohol) was in S2.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

We handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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